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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5146**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Parlette, Kastama and Brandland)

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing confidential quality improvement  
2 committee meetings, proceedings, and deliberations; and amending RCW  
3 70.44.062.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.44.062 and 1985 c 166 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) All meetings, proceedings, and deliberations of the board of  
8 commissioners, its staff or agents, concerning the granting, denial,  
9 revocation, restriction, or other consideration of the status of the  
10 clinical or staff privileges of a physician or other health care  
11 provider as that term is defined in RCW 7.70.020, if such other  
12 providers at the discretion of the district's commissioners are  
13 considered for such privileges, shall be confidential and may be  
14 conducted in executive session: PROVIDED, That the final action of the  
15 board as to the denial, revocation, or restriction of clinical or staff  
16 privileges of a physician or other health care provider as defined in  
17 RCW 7.70.020 shall be done in public session.

18 (2) All meetings, proceedings, and deliberations of a quality  
19 improvement committee established under RCW 4.24.250, 43.70.510, or

1 70.41.200 and all meetings, proceedings, and deliberations of the board  
2 of commissioners, its staff or agents, to review the report or the  
3 activities of a quality improvement committee established under RCW  
4 4.24.250, 43.70.510, or 70.41.200 may, at the discretion of the quality  
5 improvement committee or the board of commissioners, be confidential  
6 and may be conducted in executive session. Any review conducted by the  
7 board of commissioners or quality improvement committee, or their  
8 staffs or agents, shall be subject to the same protections,  
9 limitations, and exemptions that apply to quality improvement committee  
10 activities under RCW 4.24.240, 4.24.250, 43.70.510, and 70.41.200.  
11 However, any final action of the board of commissioners on the report  
12 of the quality improvement committee shall be done in public session.

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